

**Department:** County Human Services      **Program Contact:** Rose-Ellen Bak  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating Program      **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:** In Target

**Executive Summary**

Children are entitled to grow up in an environment that preserves quality of life and provides access to education. Children who become runaways need a system of care that helps them get off the streets and into stable housing with appropriate services. The Runaway Youth Services unit provides a 24/7 Reception Center, crisis line, shelter, support services, family counseling and reunification services, and gender-specific transitional housing services for youth ages 12-17 who have run away, or who are at risk of running away, as well as their families.

**Program Summary**

**ISSUE:** It's estimated that over 1,000 youth run away in our community each year, due to a variety of factors including unsafe home environments, LGBTQ status, mental health or addictions issues. Unaccompanied youth living on the streets are at high risk of rape, assault and other trauma.

**PROGRAM GOAL:** The goal of the runaway system is to provide a safe place for runaway youth until they can reunite with family members, if possible, and to find appropriate foster care placement for those who can't return home.

**PROGRAM ACTIVITY:** This program is a collaboration among DCHS, DCJ, and DHS. Eighty-five percent of those served return home or to another stable living environment at exit from service. Runaway Youth Services include:

**Reception Center -** Reception is a collaboration among law enforcement, DCJ, and DHS and offers a place for officers to drop off youth that have committed minor status offenses, such as curfew violation and truancy, as an alternative to detention. Reception Centers are co-located with runaway crisis response services, creating a countywide "child receiving center" for youth up to age 18. This offer reflects a decrease in funding for reception center due to decreased utilization by police of these services.

**Crisis Line -** Crisis line services provide a 24/7 youth and family help line that serves as a central access point for services. Telephone and face-to-face intervention is also available.

**Emergency Shelter -** Specialized shelter and emergency assistance are provided in an 11-bed, co-ed group home with services focused on family reunification. Youth receive food, safety from the street, medical care, transportation, and case management services. Shelter services operate within a 72-hour intervention timeline.

**Support Services/Case Management -** intake; assessment; individual service plans targeting family reunification; addiction treatment referrals; mental health counseling; and family mediation.

**Gender Specific Transitional Housing -** two beds for girls in a group home setting. Services successfully impact detention reform efforts and reduce the number of children entering the child welfare system.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY16 Actual	FY17 Purchased	FY17 Estimate	FY18 Offer
Output	Number of youth and families served	N/A	2500	2500	1500
Outcome	Percentage of youth served who return home or exit to other stable housing	79%	85%	74%	85%

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2017	2017	2018	2018
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contractual Services	\$920,710	\$175,000	\$813,613	\$175,000
Materials & Supplies	\$44	\$0	\$0	\$0
Internal Services	\$1,781	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$922,535</b>	<b>\$175,000</b>	<b>\$813,613</b>	<b>\$175,000</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$1,097,535</b>		<b>\$988,613</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$175,000	\$0	\$175,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$175,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$175,000</b>

Explanation of Revenues

\$175,000 - OCCF Youth Investment based on current grant award

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2017: 25138 Runaway Youth Services (RYS)

Reflects \$0.1M reduction in funding for reception center services due to decreased utilization